

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John F. Conroy (Reg. No. 45,485) on July 29, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a. Claim 9, line 1, replace "The technique" with --The article--; and
- b. Claim ¹⁰~~9~~, line 1, replace "The technique" with --The article--.

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not expressly teach or render obvious the invention as recited in independent claims 18, 19 and 20.

The prior art discloses a system for managing shared resource in a parallel processing system including assigning an access value [col. 6, line 58 – col. 7, line 3] and a relative priority value [col. 4, line 66 - col. 5, line 21] to each of a plurality of computer processes [col. 4, lines 20 – 35] which request access to a shared computer resource [col. 4, lines 51 – 65], first providing access to processes whose access value represents high priority [col. 5, lines 22 – 56] and whose access value represents that